House Bill 2047

Sponsored by Representative WRIGHT (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act describes a parent's rights to the care, custody and control of the parent's minor child. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Declares the state's public policy regarding the rights of a parent to the care, custody and control of the parent's child.

Requires treatment providers to notify and disclose certain information to a minor's parent or guardian when providing services to a minor without parental consent.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to parental rights; creating new provisions; amending ORS 109.640, 109.650, 109.670, 109.675, 109.685, 109.690, 109.695 and 419B.090; and repealing ORS 109.680.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

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FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PARENTS

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SECTION 1. Parental Rights. (1) As used in this section:

- (a)(A) "Biometric data" means data generated by automatic measurements of an individual's biological characteristics, including fingerprint, voiceprint or eye retina or iris, that is used to identify a specific individual.
- (B) "Biometric data" does not include a physical or digital photograph, a video or audio recording or data generated from the recording, or information collected, used or stored for health care treatment, payment or operations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191), or data or information collected, used or stored for law enforcement purposes.
- (b) "Child" means an unemancipated, unmarried individual who has not attained 18 years of age.
 - (c) "Parent" has the meaning given that term in ORS 419A.004.
- (d) "Public body" means a public body as defined in ORS 174.109 and the Oregon Health and Science University.
- (2)(a) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to recognize the liberty of a parent to the care, custody and control of the parent's child, including the right to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of the child, as a fundamental right.
- (b) It is the policy of the State of Oregon that a government entity may not substantially burden the fundamental rights of a parent as provided under this section unless the government entity demonstrates that the burden, as applied to the parent and the child, is required by a compelling governmental interest of the highest order and is the least restrictive

- 1 means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.
 - (c) All parental rights are exclusively reserved to a parent of a child without obstruction by or interference from a government entity, including, but not limited to, the following rights and responsibilities:
 - (A) To direct the upbringing of the child;

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- (B) To direct the moral or religious training of the child;
- (C) To make all physical and mental health care decisions for the child and consent to all physical and mental health care on the child's behalf;
 - (D) To access and review all health and medical records of the child;
- (E) To direct the education of the child, including the right to choose public, private, religious or home schools, and the right to make reasonable choices within public schools for the education of the child;
- (F) To access and review all educational records of the child maintained by the school, including those maintained in accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g);
 - (G) To have the child excused from school attendance for religious purposes;
- (H) To participate in parent-teacher associations and school organizations that are sanctioned by a school board;
- (I) To be notified promptly if an employee of a public body reasonably believes that abuse, neglect or any criminal offense has been committed against the child by someone other than the parent, unless doing so would interfere with a criminal investigation or Department of Human Services' abuse investigation, or unless an employee of the state, a public education program as defined in ORS 329.901 or any other public body is required by law to withhold such information;
- (J) To consent before the collection, storing or sharing of any individual biometric data, data relative to analysis of facial expressions, electroencephalogram brain wave patterns, skin conductance, galvanic skin response, heart-rate variability, pulse, blood volume, posture and eye-tracking;
- (K) To consent before any record of the child's blood or deoxyribonucleic acid is created, stored or shared, unless authorized by law or pursuant to a court order; and
- (L) To consent before any government entity makes a video or voice recording of the child, unless the video or voice recording is made during or as part of:
 - (i) A court proceeding;
 - (ii) A law enforcement interaction;
 - (iii) A forensic interview in a criminal or child abuse investigation;
- (iv) The security or surveillance of buildings or grounds;
- (v) A photo identification card; or
 - (vi) A public event where the child has no reasonable expectation of privacy.
- 39 (d)(A) This section does not authorize or allow any individual to abuse, neglect or en-40 danger a child;
 - (B) This section does not prevent the department from conducting a child abuse investigation or otherwise carrying out its responsibilities under state law, consistent with the policy described in ORS 419B.090; and
 - (C) This section does not apply if:
 - (i) A parent of the minor has given blanket consent authorizing the person or entity to

perform an activity listed in subsection (2)(c) of this section;

- (ii) A public body or any other person reasonably relies in good faith on an individual's representations that the individual is the parent of a minor or has otherwise been granted authority to make decisions regarding a minor's care under state law;
- (iii) A person, including a law enforcement officer, participates or assists in rendering emergency care;
- (iv) An employee of a local education agency acts to control bleeding using a bleeding control kit; or
- (v) Services are provided to or information is received or maintained about a minor enrolled in an institution of higher education or a minor participating in a program for which the minor's parent has consented to the child's participation by an employee of the institution of higher education or other school official.
- (e) An employee of a public body, other than law enforcement personnel, may not encourage or coerce a child to withhold information from the child's parent. An employee of a public body may not withhold from a child's parent information that is relevant to the physical, emotional or mental health of the child unless required by law to withhold such information.
- (f)(A) A parent whose rights have been burdened by a government entity in violation of this section may assert that violation of this section as a claim or defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding, without regard to whether the proceeding is brought by or in the name of the state, private person or another party.
- (B) A parent who prevails in a proceeding to enforce this section against a government entity may recover the following from a court of competent jurisdiction:
 - (i) Declaratory relief;

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- (ii) Injunctive relief; or
- (iii) Compensatory damages, including reasonable costs and attorney fees.
- (g) A person that is not a parent does not have standing to raise in any proceeding in this state the fundamental rights of a parent established in this section.
 - (3) This section shall be construed using the following rules:
- (a) The protections of the right of parents to the care, custody and control of their child under this section are in addition to the protections provided under any other state or federal law;
- (b) This section must be construed in favor of a broad protection of the right of parents to the care, custody and control of their children, including the right to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their child; and
- (c) This section does not give a parent the right to consent to medical treatments on the child's behalf if the medical treatment has been prohibited by state law.

SECTION 2. ORS 419B.090 is amended to read:

- 419B.090. (1) The juvenile court is a court of record and exercises jurisdiction as a court of general and equitable jurisdiction and not as a court of limited or inferior jurisdiction. The juvenile court is called "The ______ Court of _____ County, Juvenile Department."
- 42 (2)(a) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to recognize that children are individuals who have 43 legal rights. Among those rights are the right to:
 - (A) Permanency with a safe family;
 - (B) Freedom from physical, sexual or emotional abuse or exploitation; and

- (C) Freedom from substantial neglect of basic needs.
- (b) Parents and guardians have a duty to afford their children the rights listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Parents and guardians have a duty to remove any impediment to their ability to perform parental duties that afford these rights to their children. When a parent or guardian fails to fulfill these duties, the juvenile court may determine that it is in the best interests of the child to remove the child from the parent or guardian either temporarily or permanently.
- (c) The provisions of this chapter shall be liberally construed to the end that a child coming within the jurisdiction of the court may receive such care, guidance, treatment and control as will lead to the child's welfare and the protection of the community.
- (3) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to safeguard and promote each child's right to safety, stability and well-being and to safeguard and promote each child's relationships with parents, siblings, grandparents, other relatives and adults with whom a child develops healthy emotional attachments.
- (4) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to guard the liberty interest of parents [protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution] as provided in section 1 of this 2025 Act and to protect the rights and interests of children, as provided in subsection (2) of this section. The provisions of this chapter shall be construed and applied in compliance with section 1 of this 2025 Act. [federal constitutional limitations on state action established by the United States Supreme Court with respect to interference with the rights of parents to direct the upbringing of their children, including, but not limited to, the right to:]
 - [(a) Guide the secular and religious education of their children;]
 - [(b) Make health care decisions for their children; and]
 - [(c) Discipline their children.]
- (5) It is the policy of the State of Oregon, in those cases not described as extreme conduct under ORS 419B.502, to offer appropriate reunification services to parents and guardians to allow them the opportunity to adjust their circumstances, conduct or conditions to make it possible for the child to safely return home within a reasonable time. The state shall provide to parents and guardians with disabilities opportunities to benefit from or participate in reunification services that are equal to those extended to individuals without disabilities. The state shall provide aids, benefits and services different from those provided to parents and guardians without disabilities, when necessary to ensure that parents and guardians with disabilities are provided with an equal opportunity under this subsection. Although there is a strong preference that children live in their own homes with their own families, the state recognizes that it is not always possible or in the best interests of the child or the public for children who have been abused or neglected to be reunited with their parents or guardians. In those cases, the State of Oregon has the obligation to create or provide an alternative, safe and permanent home for the child.
- (6) It is the policy of the State of Oregon, in a case involving an Indian child, to safeguard and promote the Indian child's connections with the Indian child's family, culture and tribe in accordance with the policies regarding Indian children in child custody proceedings under ORS 419B.600.

CONSENT TO HEALTH CARE FOR MINORS

SECTION 3. Medical decision-making. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Health care provider" means a health care provider, as defined in ORS 31.260, and a health care facility, as defined in ORS 442.015.

- 1 (b)(A) "Minor" means an individual who has not attained eighteen years of age.
- 2 (B) "Minor" does not include an individual who:
- 3 (i) Is emancipated;
- 4 (ii) Is married;

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- (iii) Is or was previously a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a member of a reserve or national guard unit; or
 - (iv) Is the custodial parent of a minor child.
- (c) "Parent" has the meaning given that term under ORS 419A.004.
- (d) "Public body" means a public body as defined in ORS 174.109, the Oregon Health and Science University and the Oregon State Bar.
 - (2) Except as otherwise provided by statutory law, case law or court order, a public body, a health care provider or any other person may not knowingly take any of the following actions with regard to a minor without first obtaining the consent of a parent of the minor:
 - (a) Treat, profess to diagnose, operate on or prescribe for any physical ailment, physical injury or deformity;
 - (b) Prescribe, dispense, deliver or administer any drug or medication;
 - (c) Render psychological services; or
 - (d) Render counseling services.
 - (3) This section does not apply when:
 - (a) A parent of the minor has given blanket consent authorizing the person or entity to perform an activity listed in subsection (2) of this section;
 - (b) A public body, health care provider or any other person reasonably relies in good faith on an individual's representations that the individual is the parent of a minor or has otherwise been granted authority to make decisions regarding a minor's health care under state law:
 - (c) A licensed physician performs emergency medical or surgical treatment;
 - (d) Licensed personnel render appropriate emergency medical care or provide emergency medical services;
 - (e) A person, including a law enforcement officer, participates or assists in rendering emergency care; or
 - (f) An employee of a public education program, as defined in ORS 329.901, acts to control bleeding using a bleeding control kit.
 - (4) A violation of this section is an unlawful practice and is grounds for the offending health care provider's licensing board to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the health care provider's license or take other disciplinary action allowed by law.
 - (5) If the licensing board of a health care provider receives information of a violation or potential violation of this section by the health care provider, the licensing board shall conduct an immediate investigation and take appropriate disciplinary action.
 - (6) A parent may bring a civil cause of action to recover compensatory damages, reasonable attorney fees, court costs, expenses, and other appropriate relief against an entity or health care provider alleged to have violated this section.
 - (7) If a court in any civil action brought pursuant to this section finds that a health care provider knowingly violated this section, then the court shall notify the appropriate regulatory authority and the attorney general and reporter by mailing a certified copy of the court's order to the regulatory authority and the attorney general and reporter. Notification

pursuant to this subsection must be made upon the judgment of the court being made final.

- (8)(a) A civil action commenced against a health care provider under this section must be brought within the time period for commencing actions established in ORS chapter 12.
- (b) A civil action commenced against another entity under this section must be brought within one year from the date of discovery of the violation of this section.
- (9) This section is declared to be remedial in nature, and this section must be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes.
- **SECTION 4.** ORS 109.640, as amended by section 27, chapter 73, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:
- 109.640. (1) As used in this section, "reproductive health care" has the meaning given that term in ORS 435.190, except that "reproductive health care" does not include the elective sterilization of a minor under 15 years of age.
- (2)(a) As used in this subsection, "health care provider" means a physician, physician associate licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525, nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or a pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689.
- (b) **Notwithstanding section 3 of this 2025 Act,** a minor under 15 years of age may give consent, without the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor, to an abortion only if the abortion is provided by a health care provider who is acting within the health care provider's scope of practice and who reasonably believes, in the health care provider's professional judgment, that:
- (A) Involving the parent or guardian of the minor may result in the physical or emotional abuse of the minor or the neglect of the minor; or
- (B) Requiring the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor would not be in the best interest of the minor, for the reasons documented by the health care provider after obtaining the concurrence of another health care provider who is associated with a separate medical practice or facility.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section and notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section and section 3 of this 2025 Act, a minor of any age may give consent, without the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor, to receive reproductive health care information and services from a health care provider who is a physician, physician associate licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525, nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390, pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, and who is acting within the provider's scope of practice.
- (4) **Notwithstanding section 3 of this 2025 Act,** a minor 15 years of age or older may give consent, without the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor, to:
- (a) Hospital care, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board or a naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, and dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
- (b) Diagnosis or treatment by a physician associate who is licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 and who is acting pursuant to a collaboration agreement as defined in ORS 677.495.
- (c) Diagnosis and treatment by a nurse practitioner who is licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who is acting within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner.
- (d) Except when the minor is obtaining contact lenses for the first time, diagnosis and treatment by an optometrist who is licensed by the Oregon Board of Optometry under ORS 683.010 to 683.340 and who is acting within the scope of practice for an optometrist.
 - (5) If a person, including a health care provider, has reasonable cause to believe that a minor

the person comes into contact with under this section has suffered abuse, as defined in ORS 419B.005, the person shall immediately comply with the person's mandatory child abuse reporting duties under ORS 419B.010.

(6) Nothing in this section grants a minor the authority to withhold consent to treatment consented to on the minor's behalf by the minor's parent or guardian.

SECTION 5. ORS 109.650, as amended by section 28, chapter 73, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

109.650. [A hospital or a physician, physician associate, nurse practitioner, naturopathic physician, dentist or optometrist described in ORS 109.640 may advise a parent or legal guardian of a minor of the care, diagnosis or treatment of the minor or the need for any treatment of the minor, without the consent of the minor, and is not liable for advising the parent or legal guardian without the consent of the minor.]

- (1) A person providing information, services, diagnosis or treatment to a minor without parental consent as authorized by ORS 109.640 or 109.675 shall provide the minor's parent or guardian with notice of the information, services, diagnosis or treatment provided by the person to the minor.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided by federal law, a person providing information, services, diagnosis or treatment to a minor without parental consent as authorized by ORS 109.640 or 109.675 shall, at the request of the minor's parent or guardian, disclose relevant health information about the minor with or without the minor's consent.
 - (3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply if:
 - (a) The minor is married;

- (b) The minor is the custodial parent of a minor child;
- (c) The minor is emancipated, whether emancipated under the provisions of ORS 109.510 and 109.520 or 419B.550 to 419B.558 or emancipated by virtue of having lived apart from the parents or legal guardian while being self-sustaining for a period of 90 days prior to obtaining treatment as provided by ORS 109.640 or 109.675;
 - (d) The minor has been sexually abused by the minor's parent; or
- (e) The person reasonably believes, in the person's professional judgment, that providing notice to the minor's parent or guardian:
- (A) May result in the physical or emotional abuse of the minor or the neglect of the minor; or
- (B) Would not be in the best interest of the minor, for the reasons documented by the person after obtaining the concurrence of a health care provider who is associated with a separate medical practice or facility.
- (4) A person who provides information, services, diagnosis or treatment to a minor without parental consent as authorized by ORS 109.640 or 109.675 is not subject to any civil liability for providing such information, services, diagnosis or treatment if:
 - (a) The information, services, diagnosis or treatment is provided in good faith; and
- (b) The person provides the minor's parent or guardian with notice required in subsection (1) of this section unless an exception under subsection (3) of this section applies.
- (5) A person who notifies or discloses information to a minor's parent or guardian as described in this section is not liable for making the notification or disclosure without the minor's consent.
 - SECTION 6. ORS 109.670 is amended to read:

109.670. (1) Any person 16 years of age or over may donate blood to any blood program without obtaining permission of a parent or guardian.

- (2) If a person under 18 years of age donates blood as provided in this section, the blood program shall provide notice of the minor's blood donation to the minor's parent or guardian.
- [(2)] (3) As used in subsection (1) of this section, "blood program" means any voluntary and noncompensatory program for the drawing of blood which is approved by the American Association of Blood Banks or the American Red Cross.
- **SECTION 7.** ORS 109.675, as amended by section 29, chapter 73, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:
- 109.675. (1) Notwithstanding section 3 of this 2025 Act, a minor 14 years of age or older may obtain, without [parental knowledge or consent] the consent of the minor's parent or guardian:
- (a) Outpatient diagnosis or treatment of a mental or emotional disorder or a chemical dependency, excluding methadone maintenance, by a physician or physician associate licensed by the Oregon Medical Board, a psychologist licensed by the Oregon Board of Psychology, a nurse practitioner registered by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, a clinical social worker licensed by the State Board of Licensed Social Workers, a professional counselor or marriage and family therapist licensed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, a naturopathic physician licensed by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine or a community mental health program established and operated pursuant to ORS 430.620 when approved to do so by the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to rule.
- (b) Outpatient applied behavior analysis, as defined in ORS 676.802, as a treatment of a mental or emotional disorder or a chemical dependency, excluding methadone maintenance, by a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst licensed under ORS 676.810 or a behavior analysis interventionist registered by the Health Licensing Office under ORS 676.815 if the treatment is within the scope of practice of the behavior analyst, assistant behavior analyst or behavior analysis interventionist.
- (2) [However, the person providing treatment shall have the parents of the minor involved] The person providing treatment to a minor under this section shall provide notice of the treatment to the minor's parent or guardian as required under ORS 109.690 and shall involve the minor's parent or guardian in the minor's treatment before the end of treatment unless the [parents refuse] parent or guardian refuses or unless there are clear clinical indications to the contrary, which [shall] must be documented in the treatment record. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a minor described in ORS 109.650 (3)(c) or (d).[:]
 - [(a) A minor who has been sexually abused by a parent; or]
- [(b) An emancipated minor, whether emancipated under the provisions of ORS 109.510 and 109.520 or 419B.550 to 419B.558 or, for the purpose of this section only, emancipated by virtue of having lived apart from the parents or legal guardian while being self-sustaining for a period of 90 days prior to obtaining treatment as provided by this section.]
- (3) Nothing in this section grants a minor the authority to withhold consent to treatment consented to on the minor's behalf by the minor's parent or guardian.
- **SECTION 8.** ORS 109.685, as amended by section 31, chapter 73, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:
- 109.685. [A physician, physician associate, psychologist, nurse practitioner, clinical social worker licensed under ORS 675.530, professional counselor or marriage and family therapist licensed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, naturopathic physician licensed

under ORS chapter 685 or community mental health program described in ORS 109.675] A person who in good faith provides **information**, **services**, diagnosis or treatment to a minor as authorized by ORS 109.640 or 109.675 [shall] may not be subject to any civil liability for providing such **information**, **services**, diagnosis or treatment without consent of the **minor**'s parent or [legal] guardian [of the minor] if the person provides notice to the minor's parent or guardian as required by ORS 109.650.

SECTION 9. ORS 109.690 is amended to read:

109.690. If **information**, **services**, diagnosis or treatment [services] are provided to a minor pursuant to ORS **109.640** or 109.675 without consent of the minor's parent or [legal] guardian, the **minor's** parent, parents or [legal] guardian [of the minor shall] **may** not be liable for payment for any such services rendered.

SECTION 10. ORS 109.695 is amended to read:

109.695. For the purpose of carrying out the policy and intent of ORS 109.675 [to 109.695] while taking into account the respective rights of minors at risk of chemical dependency or mental or emotional disorder and the rights and interests of parents or legal guardians of such minors, the Oregon Health Authority shall adopt rules for the implementation of ORS 109.675 [to 109.695] by community mental health programs approved to do so. Such rules shall provide for the earliest feasible involvement of the parents or guardians in the treatment plan consistent with clinical requirements of the minor.

SECTION 11. ORS 109.680 is repealed.

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 12. The unit and section captions used in this 2025 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2025 Act.